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Marriage or Knowledge?

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Q: Which should come first; seeking knowledge or getting married, taking into consideration the fact that I can't be patient on remaining unmarried?

A: If you can be patient then learn (i.e. seek knowledge) and be patient. Meaning, **"Seek knowledge before you denigrate"** as Umar (*radi Allah 'Anhu*) said; this is because marriage hinders some people from seeking knowledge. When they get married they leave off seeking knowledge and their diligence departs.

However, if you have the ability to combine between these two beneficial matters, then good (do so); as for the one who knows that which is within him and views that he will commit vile acts, fornicate etc, then by Allah, for him to marry, safe guard himself and remain chaste takes precedence.

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